

About Franklin County, New York

General Demographics

- County population: 51,130
- Percent of population under the age of 18: 22.6%
- Population density: 31.3 people per square mile
- 84% White
- 6.6% Black or African American
- 6.2 % Native American
- 4% Hispanic
- 2.9% Other

Franklin County is one of the poorest counties in New York State.

- Average household income: \$31,000
- Average 5-year unemployment rate: 7.6%
- Percent of children living below poverty level: 21.8%
- Percent of children eligible to receive food stamps: 12.2%
- Percent of children eligible to receive free and reduced lunches: 47.1%
- Percent of children living in female-headed household: 21%

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Facts

- In 2004, total alcohol-related traffic arrests were almost double 2001
- In 2003, 13% of alcohol-related traffic arrests were among underage youth

National and Local 30-Day Use Rates, 2002

Grade	National Rates* (percent)	Franklin County Rates** (percent)
GRADE 8		
Alcohol	21.5	25.1
Binge Drinking	13.2	13.9
Cigarettes	12.2	18.0
Smokeless Tobacco	4.0	7.6
GRADE 10		
Alcohol	39.0	43.9
Binge Drinking	24.9	28.7
Cigarettes	21.3	27.7
Smokeless Tobacco	6.9	11.6
GRADE 12		
Alcohol	49.8	60.1
Binge Drinking	29.7	37.2
Cigarettes	29.5	29.9
Smokeless Tobacco	7.8	15.0

* *Monitoring the Future*; ** *Communities that Care*

National and Local Reported Lifetime Alcohol Use, 2002

Grade	National Rates* (percent)	Franklin County Rates** (percent)
8	50.5	56.3
10	70.1	79.7
12	79.7	85.9

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